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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 6 to 11, 20, 23, 24 and 28, drawn to a recombinant leptin receptor, classified in class 530, subclass 350, for continued prosecution.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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